

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

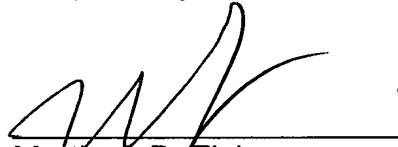
Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The claims have been amended or cancelled in order to comport with US practice. Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-8, and 10-21.

Support for the claim amendments and new claims 11-16 is found with the claims as originally filed. Support for new claims 17-20 is found at page 13 lines 6-14 and page 13 line 37 through page 14, line 5. Thus, there is no issue of new matter and the claim amendments therefore should be entered at this time.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested, and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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